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## **GOOD FINANCIAL PRACTICE**

### **Some dos and don'ts...**

**DO** use Direct Deposit for your checks.

**DO** sign your own checks. Never sign a blank check where another person can fill in the amount.

**DO** get a trusted third person to review your statements if someone else is helping you manage your finances such as an investment advisor. Make sure the people you deal with are properly licensed.

**DO NOT** sign a document without first carefully reading it in its entirety and ask questions if you don't understand what it means.

**DO NOT** lend money in exchange for a general promissory note.

**DO NOT** assign money or property to anyone in return for care, even a family member, without having the agreement reviewed by an attorney.

**DO NOT** allow anyone, even a relative, to put their name on your bank, credit card or other financial accounts without your express consent.

**DO NOT** leave money or valuables in plain view. Lock up papers containing your private information including your birth certificate, Social Security number, tax returns and bank account information.

**DO** use your common sense. If it sounds too good to be true, it is!

### **THE CONSUMER PROTECTION UNIT**

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit helps consumers resolve problems with businesses. To get information, discuss problems or make a complaint, call our toll-free number from anywhere in Delaware - 800-220-5424. Consumers in New Castle County can also reach us at 577-8600. Helpful consumer information and our complaint form are on-line at [www.state.de.us/attgen](http://www.state.de.us/attgen)